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Purpose

To establish a policy and procedure to insure that an applicant may continue operations allowed by an existing use permit, while a permit extension is being processed, by utilization of an early notification procedure.

Background

It is standard practice in granting use permits for certain intensive uses such as borrow pits or automobile dismantling yards to place a time limit on the permit, usually for five to ten years. The time limit is placed upon the permit in order to allow the County to reexamine the use and its impact on the surrounding land uses that may have been established since the permit was granted. Prior to the expiration of the permit the applicant must apply for a permit extension to continue operations. In some instances the existing permit expires, due to the time required for the hearing process, before a permit extension is granted. Without a valid and unexpired permit in effect, operations must cease. At a Board of Supervisors hearing regarding a situation essentially the same as described above, the Board felt there was a need for a formal policy to address the foregoing situations.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

The owner or operator of record of an operation allowed by a valid unrevoked and unexpired use permit, that specifies a date that said permit shall expire, shall be notified of the impending expiration date pursuant to Department of Planning & Development Services procedures and/or conditions stated in the use permit.

Applicability. This policy shall only apply to use permits which contain a specified date of expiration.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-19.

Board Action

3-16-83 (22)

10-17-89 (54)

7-14-99 (4)

06-23-04 (12)

12-09-08 (33)

10-31-12 (4)

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